



The Webster Word

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A community of faith in Havre de Grace

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28	29	30	1	2	3	4
• Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM-3 PM		• Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		• Bay Pride 1-6 PM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
• World Communion, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM -3 PM		• Grace Place 9:30 AM (dessert) • No Bible Study	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		• Emmanuel Baptist Outreach 10:30 AM -12 PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
• Sunday Service, Coffee Talk, 10:30 AM • PRC meeting • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 6 PM		• Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom • Official Board Meeting 7PM	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
• Sunday Service, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • Deacons Meeting • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3 PM	• SCCW 11:30 AM at Webster Church	• Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		
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Bible Study notice:

Bible Study will meet via Zoom at 11 AM on Tuesdays. *Each week in Bible Study, we investigate and study the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. Those who attend have commented that they gain greater insight into the sermon (which always focuses on the scripture reading) each week.* Email or call Pastor Jim if you are interested in joining us so you can get the contact information.

An Invitation from Pastor Jim

Saturday, October 4th, looks like it will be another beautiful fall day in Havre de Grace. It's also the day that Webster Church will participate in the Chesapeake Bay Pride Festival for the sixth year!

Our sand art craft booth has become a favorite with children, families, and adults seeking to find their lost "inner child." And this year we have added pumpkins to the many varieties of sand art objects our guests may choose from. But we are not the only reason to join your church family at the Lighthouse at Concord Point Park on Saturday, October 4th from 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM. There's delicious food, there's great entertainment, there are amazing crafters selling beautiful clothes, jewelry, and art, there are information booths, and last year Webster UCC was one of seven Harford County churches also represented. And did I say the admission is FREE?

It is also important to remind all the people who come to Chesapeake Bay Pride that there is an open and affirming church in Harford County, and that whoever they are and wherever they are on life's journey, they are welcome here. AND WE MEAN IT!

So please join us at our location which is #62. It is toward the stage, and there will be volunteers to direct you as you walk in. If you would like to help set up our booth, please come at 11:30 AM. Scott's decorations will be fabulous. If you would like to help break down our booth, please come around 5:15 PM. And if you would like to represent Webster Church by assisting families with their crafts, please plan to come sometime between 1:00 PM and 5:30 PM. We will provide the table and a few chairs. The sand art is packed and ready to go.

We have many other activities scheduled for October as well. You may want to join us for Deborah Nash's production of "Damn Yankees" at the Arena Stage, in Washington DC,

on Saturday, October 25, and OF COURSE you will want to peel apples with your church family on Friday, October 31, at 8 AM. Our amazing Fireside Chat hosted by Heidi and Garrett Pensell reminded us that fellowship is an invaluable and important part of what we do and who we are at Webster Church. We are also an open, affirming, chatty, crafty, theatre going, music making, pie baking, benevolent, child friendly, ecumenical, neighborly, entertaining, horse riding, basketball playing, LGBTQIA+ welcoming congregation. AND WE MEAN IT!

MODERATOR

At a recent meeting of the SCCW, our program speaker was a representative from Harford Family House in Aberdeen. You may know this is an emergency shelter for homeless families and the program we prepare gift bags for Mother's Day. Our speaker not only informed us of new program expansions for women in particular, but she provided us with information about the ways our community/ church can help with the needs of these families. These donations help pave the path to independence for those experiencing homelessness. Just imagine walking through the rooms in your house and realizing how you supply your needs-- in the bathroom, in the kitchen, where you keep your cleaning supplies, your personal care supplies.

It is a fact of life that when we down-size, clean our spaces or reorganize our home that many things end up on the curb or in the landfill. Why not consider donating to Harford Family House? The beauty of doing this is that they also pick up furniture and/or drop off is very easy to arrange. Elsewhere in this edition of the Webster Word you will find a comprehensive list of all the needs of families, both while they are in the shelter and after they are settled in their own housing. Please review and think about how you can help. This is a generous congregation, and I know we are blessed in our lives and have lots of "stuff." You will find the contact information for donations in the flier. Thank you for your love for your neighbors!

Ann Helton, Moderator

NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday, a Communion celebrated in many Christian churches worldwide. In the Chancel area you will see many examples of materials from many different countries collected by Ann Helton and always displayed for this very special communion. The deacons have collected a variety of breads from different countries; some displayed on the communion table, and all will be served during Coffee Talk, accompanied by a variety of soups. Please come and enjoy this very special day!!!

The worship services for October are as follows:

- 10/5 Communion/Coffee Talk(World Communion)
- 10/12 Worship/ Coffee Talk
- 10/19 Worship/Coffee Talk
- 10/ 26 Worship/Coffee Talk

The deacons are looking forward to the upcoming Holiday Season. We know the holidays of November and December are busy times both in church and at your home. We have started planning for the worship services and some special activities during Coffee Talk. Hope to see you at Worship.

Tony Dooley, Deacon

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER:

October 5 – Lamentations 1:1-6, Lamentations 3:19-26 and **Psalm 137** or Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 12 – **Jerimiah 29:1, 4-7** and Psalm 66:1-12 or 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111; Luke 17:11-19 2 Timothy 2:8-15

October 19 – Jerimiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104 or Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; **Luke 18:1-8**

October 26 – Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65 or Sirach 35:12-17 or Jerimiah 14:7-10, 19-22 and Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; **Luke 18:9-14**

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Service Attendants:

DATE	READER		GREETER	USHER
October 5	Gwen Stolzenbach	Communion	Libby Copes	Liz Leuthy
October 12	Pat Mengel		Beth Jackson	Lisa Taylor
October 19	Christina Miller		Christina Miller	Carol Greimel
October 26	Doris Lyttle		Gary Lyttle	Doris Lyttle

Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

The SCCW October meeting is on Monday, October 15th, at 11:30 AM at Webster Church. We will prepare for the bazaar on Saturday, November 1, 2025.

The bazaar will feature an all-you-can-eat breakfast, lunch items, white elephant, and crafters. As you do your fall cleaning, collect good, clean, usable items for our white elephant room. Please, NO clothing. Items may be brought to church and placed in the scout room.

Plan what you can bake for the bake table. Plan when you can help us peel apples and bake pies on Friday, October 31st between 8 AM and 5 PM.

If you have any questions, see Doris Lyttle.

Doris Lyttle, President



Those celebrating October birthdays are:

**Lindsay Cohen-Lloyd
Heather Long
Paula Whitacre
Hunter Allen
Jonathan Zader
Julie Pensell**

**Al Burden
Austin Barnes
Rachael Pedersen
Troy Samuel Morse
Sara Wasielewski Mason**

CLERK'S REPORT

Things Happening at Webster Church

- Bay Pride is at the Conrad Park on Saturday, October 4th, 1-6 PM
- Repairs from the leak in the Parish House continue.
- The October Official Board meeting is Tuesday, October 14th at 7 PM.
- Anyone from Webster Church may attend the Official Board meeting and copies of the minutes are available upon request. Contact Doris Lyttle.

Damn Yankees Trip

Would you like to see a show and tour the costume shop for the show? On Saturday, October 25, 2025, a trip is planned to the Arena Stage in Washington DC to see a 2 PM show of Damn Yankees. Pastor Hugh's daughter, Deborah Nash, who makes hats for the costumes will give a behind the scenes tour of the Costume Shop at 12:45 PM. Those who want to carpool should meet at the church by 11 AM. Dinner will be enjoyed after the show and then return to the church by 8 PM. The tickets are \$80 for the show (dinner not included). To reserve your spot contact Victoria DeVoe at 719-321-8383 or Victoriad705@gmail.com by Sunday, October 5th. Checks should be made out to Victoria DeVoe.

Blessings in a Backpack – Support a Child

Webster Congregational Christian Church is preparing to continue to pack backpacks of nonperishable food to deliver to 75 students at Havre de Grace Elementary School each week for the 2025-2026 school year. Our account is almost empty and at least \$11,000 is needed to feed 75 students for a school year. Approximately \$175 will supply food for a year per child.

Students who have the proper nourishment to fight those hunger pains are better behaved and progress better academically.

If you would like to contribute to the Blessings in a Backpack Webster Church fund directly, send your contribution to

**Blessings in a Backpack Bank Lockbox
P.O. Box 950291
Louisville, KY 40295**

Remember to write Havre de Grace Elementary on the memo line.

Or donate at

<https://giving.blessingsinabackpack.org/organizations/havre-de-grace-elementary-md>



WEBSTER CHURCH

FALL

BAZAAR & CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
9 AM - 2 PM

PIES * \$12 ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST
CRAFTERS * WHITE ELEPHANT * LUNCH

Lunch - Homemade Chicken Corn Soup
Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joes, Apple Pie Alamode

Preorder Apple Crust, Apple Crumb Pies,
Apple Crisp, and Apple Cobblers for \$14
Cherry Pies \$15
Preorder Pumpkin Pies for \$12
Preorder quarts of Chicken Corn Soup for
\$7.50

To preorder pies call 410-937-9054 or
email dlyttle@comcast.net with the subject Pies.
Visit our website at www.websterucc.org
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EMPOWER YOUR COMMUNITY: HFH ACCEPTED DONATIONS

At Harford Family House, we rely on the generosity of our community to help fund our initiatives through donations of much-needed supplies. Your donations help pave the path to independence for those experiencing homelessness in Harford County.

ITEMS WE POLITELY DECLINE

- Expired or Opened Products/Food
- Books, Toys, Electronics
- Recliner Chairs, Sectional or Pull-Out Sofas
- Wine Glasses, Beer Mugs, or Fine China
- Household Decor
- Broken, dirty or stained items
- Clothing

APARTMENT FURNISHINGS

- Vacuum Cleaners
- Kitchen Table & Chairs
- Twin Beds (Bunk Beds, Frames, Mattresses & Box Springs)
- Coffee Tables & Nightstands
- Dressers w/o Mirrors
- Lamps
- Sofas & Loveseats
- Bookcases & Small Tables

CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS

- Kid's Shampoo & Body Wash
- Baby Powder
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, & 6)
- Pullups (sizes large & extra-large)

PERSONAL CARE

- Tissues and Toilet Paper
- Shampoo, Conditioner and Body Wash
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Men & Women's Razors and Shave Gel
- Men & Women's Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Toothbrushes, Toothpaste and Floss
- Hand and Body Lotion
- Band Aids and First Aid Cream
- First Aid Kits
- Ethnic Hair Products
- Brushes and Combs
- Nail Files and Nail Clippers
- Men's Flip Flops

MEAL SERVICE NECESSITIES

- Paper Towels
- Aluminum Foil & Plastic Wrap
- Plastic Bags (quart & gallon sized)
- Napkins
- 10 inch Plastic Dinner Plates
- 10-20 oz. Plastic Bowls
- 10-20 oz. Plastic Cups
- 3 oz. Paper Cups

Learn more at www.harfordfamilyhouse.org



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